

RESOLUTION NO. 12 -

WHEREAS, Native American Indians are the descendants of the aboriginal, indigenous, native people who were the original inhabitants of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the area that now encompasses the Great State of Alabama and the area which is now Huntsville was once the homeland and tribal hunting grounds of a number of Native American Indians who had great attachment to the land and who did staunchly defend their right to live, hunt, and draw nourishment from that land; and

WHEREAS, the Valley Region of the Tennessee River and its tributaries was known to be the home of the Yuchi Tribe, the Mesopelea, the Kaskinampo, the Chikamaka, the Chiaha, the Hitchiti, the Koasati Tribe, the Tuskegee Tribe, the Muscogee (Creek), the Chickasaw, the Alabama, the Napochi, the Tomahitan and the Shawnee in times of earliest contact with the white man; and the evidence of early occupation in the same region is exhibited by the names of historic Indian towns; and

WHEREAS, the tribes in eastern region of the state were later supplanted by the Cherokee Tribe, who, in many cases, kept the same town names established by the earlier tribes; and claimed Northern Alabama as their territorial hunting ground; and

WHEREAS, Native American Indians have volunteered to serve in the United States Armed Forces and have served with valor in all of the Nation's military actions from the Revolutionary War through the present day, and in most of those actions, more American Indians per capita served in the Armed Forces than any other group of Americans; and

WHEREAS, American Indians have made distinct and significant contributions to Alabama, the United States, and the rest of the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art, and Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the contributions that Native American Indians have made to the fabric of American society will afford an opportunity for all Alabamians to demonstrate their respect and admiration of Native American Indians for their important contributions to the political, cultural, and economic life of Alabama and of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that American Indians should be honored and recognized for strengthening the diversity of our society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the mayor and City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we hereby designate the month of November 2010 as "American Indian Heritage Month" in Huntsville and encourage all residents of Huntsville to observe American Indian Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, including activities relating to the cultures, traditions, and languages of Native American Indians.

ADOPTED this 15th day of November, 2012.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this 15th day of November, 2012.

Mayor of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama